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Re:
Application No. 08/579,395
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Inventor: William H. Swain
Confirmation No: 4200
Examiner: Karlsen, Ernest F.
Art Unit: 2829

Subject: Interview Summary

SPE Cuneo telephoned applicant Swain on the afternoon of 22 July 04.

Ms. Cuneo said that I could accept a PTO office option to pass some claims to issue within a week if I would cancel all other claims. Otherwise the office would prepare an action in response to my amendment of 21 April 04.

This is the option offered:

Provided I cancel all other claims Ms. Cuneo offered to pass to issue claims in the Combiner Species 32-38 plus 48-54 plus 64 and 66 provided I cancel the alternative language covering the Better SNR species in claims 64 and 66 and retain only the language pertaining to the Combiner Species.

She said cancellation of Better SNR Species claims was necessary because they had not been examined.

I replied that I request that the option be given to me in writing so that I could give it proper consideration. Ms. Cuneo indicated that she would do this, by fax of a preliminary form to me at 941-378-0712. She also said she would mail a statement to me.

I have not yet received either a fax, statement by mail, or an office action relating to the option.

Toward the end of our conversation, I asked for advice on the practicability of filing a Divisional or Continuation Application so as to get a Patent on the MER Species at a later time. Ms. Cuneo made several helpful suggestions.

- No exhibit or demonstration was shown or discussed.
- No prior art was discussed.
- No agreement was reached. I expect to make a decision after receiving a written statement of the option.

Respectfully submitted.

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